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Saskatchewan farmers have seeded 25 per cent of the 2006 crop, according to Saskatchewan Agriculture and Food's weekly crop report.

The five-year (2001-05) average shows that 30 per cent of the crop is normally seeded at this time. The southwest is reporting 57 per cent of the crop seeded, followed by the southeast region with 29 per cent seeded. The northeast has only seeded six per cent, due to wet soil conditions. Rain in east central and northeastern areas delayed drying of previously wet fields in those regions.

Fifty-seven per cent of the peas have been planted, 45 per cent of the lentils, 44 per cent of the chickpeas, 43 per cent of the durum, 26 per cent of the triticale, 25 per cent of the mustard, 23 per cent of the spring wheat, 16 per cent of the canola, 13 per cent of the barley, eight per cent of the flax, seven per cent of the oats and canary seed, and one per cent of the sunflowers. Early seeded crops are emerging in southern and central regions.

Two-thirds of the crop reporters rate their crop land as having adequate topsoil moisture, similar to last week's report. Three-quarters of the crop reporters also indicated that their hay and pasture land have adequate topsoil moisture, which is also similar to last week. East central and northeastern areas of the province continue to report the wettest topsoil at this time.

Additional harvesting of the 2005 crop was completed last week in the southeast and in the northern regions.

Seeding Progress in SK
per cent seeded

	All Crops
May 14/06	25
5-year Avg. (2001-05)	30
May 15/05	47
May 16/04	41
May 11/03	8
May 12/02	13
May 13/01	43

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1 Year Ago

47% of the 2005 crop was planted.

Strong winds and a lack of precipitation continued to dry out topsoil south of Saskatoon.

Reports of re-seeding canola, due mainly to frost damage, came from the southeast, southwest, and east central regions.

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CANADA – SASKATCHEWAN Crop Insurance

CD	May 14/06	May 15/05
1a	18	20
1b	21	41
2a	44	67
2b	32	44
3an	51	61
3ase	45	54
3asw	36	55
3bn	55	60
3bs	68	70
4a	66	83
4b	77	88
5a	7	41
5b	7	41
6a	13	40
6b	11	46
7a	19	60
7b	26	53
8a	5	38
8b	7	42
9ae	3	32
9aw	12	29
9b	19	29
Prov.	25	47

South eastern Saskatchewan (Crop Districts 1, 2, & 3ase)

The southeast experienced a mix of weather conditions during the past week – cool, dry, showers, and thunderstorms. An average of 2 mm of precipitation fell, ranging from an average low of trace amounts reported in Crop Districts (CD) 1a and 2a, to an average high of 3 mm in CDs 1b and 2b.

Topsoil moisture conditions on crop land improved with 88% of reporters rating topsoil moisture conditions as adequate, compared to 78% last week. Eighty-one per cent of reporters rated topsoil moisture conditions on hay and pasture land as adequate, compared to 85% last week. More short moisture areas were reported this week. Lighter soil was crusting in CD 2a.

South eastern farmers made good seeding progress last week. Reports show 29% of the 2006 crop is planted. Crop District 3ase is most advanced with 45% planted. Crop District 1a has the least planted at 18%.

Sixty-two per cent of the peas have been seeded in the southeast, as has 46% of the lentils, 37% of the durum, 31% of the chickpeas and spring wheat, 25% of the canola, 23% of the mustard, 19% of the barley, 12% of the canary seed, and 11% of the oats. Early seeded crops are emerging.

Some fields are still wet in low spots and there were estimates of up to 20% of unseeded acres in individual fields.

Reporters were asked about possible changes to seeding plans. From CD 1a, there was still some talk of a certain amount of chemfallow as well as changes if the weather stays hot and dry. From CD 2a, some have moved from durum to spring wheat. From CD 2b, some are planting more lentils and flax than originally intended and some are switching some acres to spring wheat and chickpeas. From CD 3ase, there could be more cereals and less lentils.

Cattle are being moved out to summer pastures. There are some dry areas where rain is required to keep pastures and hay in good shape. Unharvested 2005 crops were being burned in CD 2b.

South western Saskatchewan (Crop Districts 3asw, 3an, 3b, & 4)

The southwest was generally cool and windy with some showers during the past week. An average of 7 mm of precipitation fell, ranging from an average low of 3 mm reported in CD 3asw, to an average high of 14 mm in CD 3bn. Hail was reported west of Assiniboia for the third time this spring. Hail was also reported in the Richmound area.

Topsoil moisture conditions on crop land deteriorated somewhat during the past week. Seventy-seven per cent of reporters rated topsoil moisture conditions as adequate, compared to 84% last week. Sixty-two per cent of reporters rated topsoil moisture conditions on hay and pasture land as adequate, compared to 70% last week. Some hay and pasture land is suffering from lack of moisture.

South western farmers continued to make good seeding progress. Reports show 57% of the 2006 crop is planted. Crop District 4b is most advanced with 77% planted. Crop District 3asw has 36% planted.

Eighty-three per cent of the peas have been planted, as has 67% of the lentils, 61% of the canola, 57% of the chickpeas and durum, 52% of the spring wheat, 47% of the mustard, 46% of the barley, and 41% of the triticale. Early seeded crops are emerging.

Reporters were asked about possible changes to seeding plans. From CD 3asw, because of lack of topsoil moisture, shallow-seeded crops like canola and mustard may be replaced by cereals, there could be more summerfallow, and there may be less durum planted. From CD 3bs, mustard could be down and peas up.

Gophers are a problem in CD 3bs.

East central Saskatchewan (Crop Districts 5 & 6a)

The east central region saw cool temperatures and some shower activity during the past week. An average of 14 mm of precipitation fell, ranging from an average low of 5 mm reported in CD 5a, to an average high of 22 mm reported in CD 5b. Over 50 mm was reported in the Leroy area, including some hail.

Topsoil moisture conditions on crop land improved slightly during the past week. Fifty-four per cent of reporters rated topsoil moisture conditions as surplus, compared to 58% last week. Farmers are struggling with getting stuck as they try to do their spring work. Seventy-four per cent of reporters rated topsoil moisture conditions on hay and pasture land as adequate, compared to 69% last week.

Some farmers are burning stubble in an attempt to speed up the drying of their fields; others are harrowing.

East central farmers made some seeding progress last week. Reports show 10% of the 2006 crop is planted. Crop Districts 5a and 5b each have 7% planted while CD 6a has 13% planted.

Thirty-two per cent of the peas have been planted, as has 19% of the lentils, 12% of the canola, 9% of the spring wheat, and 8% of the durum.

Reporters were asked about possible changes to seeding plans. From CD 5a, more acres could be switched to barley and oats and there will be more summerfallow than normal. From CD 5b, some are considering shorter season canola, some are cleaning extra barley, more acres will be going into oats, and other will be reconsidering if they don't make good progress this week. From CD 6a, not as much barley is going in, more canola and spring wheat will be planted, and more acres will be seeded to fall crops.

West central Saskatchewan (Crop Districts 6b & 7)

West central regions were generally cool with some wind and showers during the past week. An average of 10 mm of precipitation fell, ranging from an average low of 5 mm reported in CD 7b, to an average high of 15 mm reported in CD 6b.

Topsoil moisture conditions on crop land deteriorated this past week. Thirty-six per cent of reporters rated topsoil moisture conditions as surplus, compared to 27% last week. Seventy-nine per cent of reporters also rated topsoil moisture conditions on hay and pasture land as adequate, compared to 83% last week.

West central farmers made good seeding progress last week. Reports show 18% of the 2006 crop is planted. Crop District 7b is most advanced with 26% planted. Crop District 6b has 11% planted.

Fifty-five per cent of the peas have been planted, as well as 27% of the lentils, 19% of the canola, 16% of the wheat, 14% of the durum, and 12 % of the barley. Good oat seed is in short supply in CD 7a.

Reporters were asked about possible changes to seeding plans. From CD 6b, more canola will be seeded because of the good moisture conditions. From CD 7b, farmers are cutting back on barley.

Many farmers are getting stuck in the fields so are needing warm, drying weather.

Cattle are being moved out to pastures.

North eastern Saskatchewan (Crop Districts 8 & 9ae)

Many areas of the northeast had some showers during the past week. An average of 14 mm of precipitation fell, ranging from an average low of 7 mm in CD 8a, to an average high of 22 mm in CD 8b. Several areas in CD 8b received 30 mm or more of rain. Half of the RM of Porcupine Plain received over 60 mm in a heavy thundershower.

Topsoil moisture conditions on crop land were similar to last week. Fifty-two per cent of reporters rated topsoil moisture conditions as surplus, compared to 54% last week. Sixty-five per cent of reporters rated topsoil moisture conditions on hay and pasture land as adequate, compared to 68% last week.

North eastern farmers made some seeding progress last week. Reports show 6% of the 2006 crop is planted. Crop District 8b is most advanced with 7% planted. Crop District 9ae has 3% planted.

Fourteen per cent of the peas and 10% of the spring wheat are planted.

Reporters were asked about possible changes to seeding plans. From CD 8a, because of very wet fields, there could be less wheat, and more barley or canola. From CD 8b, some seeding intentions will be changing due to wet soil conditions.

Some 2005 wheat was combined in CD 8a early in the week. In the Yellow Creek area, 95% of the 2005 crop has been combined.

Many farmers are getting stuck as they try to do spring field work.

North western Saskatchewan (Crop Districts 9aw & 9b)

The northwest was generally cool and windy during the past week. An average of 8 mm of precipitation fell, ranging from an average low of 4 mm reported in CD 9b, to an average high of 13 mm in CD 9aw.

Topsoil moisture conditions on crop land deteriorated with 24% of reporters rating topsoil moisture conditions as surplus, compared to 14% last week. Eighty-six per cent of reporters rated topsoil moisture conditions on hay and pasture land as adequate, compared to 93% last week.

North western farmers made some seeding progress last week. Reports show 15% of the 2006 crop is planted. Crop District 9b is furthest advanced with 19% seeded, while CD 9aw has 12% planted.

Thirty-eight per cent of the peas have been planted, as well as 20% of the spring wheat and 15% of the canola.

Reporters were asked about possible changes to seeding plans. From CD 9a, plenty of hay is going in and there is also lots of summerfallow. From CD 9b, it is expected that there will be more summerfallow.

There was some combining of the 2005 crop in CD 9aw.

Cattle are being put out to pasture, but some are still being fed, either at home or on pasture.

Weekly Rainfall Summary

(in millimeters)

for the week ending May 13, 2006

Crop Dist.	No.	Municipality Name	Past Week	Since April 1
1A	2	Mount Pleasant	NIL	82
	3 B	Enniskillen	TR	78
	32	Reciprocity	NIL	42
	33 A	Moose Creek	NIL	63
	63 B	Moose Mountain	NIL	69
	64	Brock	NIL	92
1B	93	Wawken	NIL	83
	93 B	Wawken	NIL	76
	95	Golden West	NIL	108
	121	Moosomin	TR	78
	123	Silverwood	5	96
	124	Kingsley	1	79
	125	Chester	NIL	94
	151 A	Rocanville	7	139
	151 B	Rocanville	18	142
	153	Willowdale	NIL	76
	155	Wolseley	NIL	128
2A	36	Cymri	NIL	89
	67	Weyburn	NIL	85
	68	Brokenshell	NIL	72
	69	Norton	TR	77
	96	Fillmore	NIL	83
	97	Wellington	TR	67
	99	Caledonia	TR	84
2B	126	Montmartre	TR	69
	127	Francis	TR	80
	128	Lajord	NIL	55
	129	Bratt's Lake	2	62
	131	Baildon	2	65
	156 A	Indian Head	3	93
	156 B	Indian Head	11	106
	157	South Qu'appelle	4	92
	158	Edenwold	0	74
	160	Pense	NIL	35
	161	Moose Jaw	6	106
	191	Marquis	5	74
3ASE	8	Lake Alma	NIL	85
	9	Surprise Valley	1	78
	38 A	Laurier	NIL	81
	38 B	Laurier	NIL	57
	39 A	The Gap	2	74
	39 B	The Gap	3	68
3ASW	10	Happy Valley	3	54
	12	Poplar Valley	7	46
	42	Willow Bunch	7	72
	43 A	Old Post	3	48
	43 B	Old Post	3	43
	44	Waverley	1	80
	70	Key West	NIL	67
	71 A	Excel	NIL	70
	73 A	Stonehenge	NIL	73
	73 B	Stonehenge	5	83
3AN	101 B	Terrell	3	56
	102	Lake Johnston	3	67
	103	Sutton	NIL	63
	134	Shamrock	1	81
	193	Eyebrow	3	62
	194	Enfield	20	39
3BS	17 A	Val Marie	10	44
	17 B	Val Marie	4	42
	45	Mankota	1	64
	46	Glen Mcpherson	5	53
	75 A	Pinto Creek	7	62
	75 B	Pinto Creek	NIL	60
	76 A	Auvergne	2	28
	76 B	Auvergne	5	44
	77	Wise Creek	5	29
	78 A	Grassy Creek	7	28
	78 B	Grassy Creek	5	28
	105	Glenbain	5	75
	106	Whiska Creek	5	32
	108	Bone Creek	8	40
3BN	135	Lawtonia	4	53
	136	Coulee	5	35
	138	Webb	13	33
	166	Excelsior	9	26
	167	Sask. Landing	8	43
	226	Victory	33	47
	228 A	Lacadena	17	46
	228 B	Lacadena	17	54
	257	Monet	19	48
4A	51	Reno	3	20
	110	Piapot	12	44
	111 A	Maple Creek	6	25
	111 B	Maple Creek	15	38
4B	139	Gull Lake	9	28
	141	Big Stick	12	32
	142	Enterprise	10	39
	169	Pittville	11	19
	231	Happyland	4	40
	232	Deer Forks	3	35
5A	152	Spy Hill	15	114
	183	Fertile Belt	2	110
	184 A	Grayson	NIL	49
	185	Mcleod	5	96
	186	Abernethy	2	90
	211	Churchbridge	5	72
	213	Saltcoats	4	67
	216	Tullymet	2	89
	217 B	Lipton	NIL	66
	241	Calder	9	70
	245 A	Garry	10	98
	245 B	Garry	8	95
	246	Ituna Bon Accord	4	85
	247	Kellross	4	97
5B	271	Cote	7	75
	275 A	Insinger	29	146
	275 B	Insinger	7	83
	276	Foam Lake	18	89
	304	Buchanan	15	80
	307	Elfros	27	105
	308	Big Quill	25	72
	333	Clayton	18	67
	335	Hazel Dell	38	116
	336	Sasman	18	91
	338	Lakeside	44	92
	366 A	Kelvington	4	40
	366 B	Kelvington	28	65
	367	Ponass Lake	30	80
6A	189	Lumsden	6	69
	190 A	Dufferin	1	47
	190 B	Dufferin	1	70
	190 C	Dufferin	TR	53
	219 B	Longlaketon	4	63
	219 C	Longlaketon	1	60
	220	Mckillop	3	64
	221	Sarnia	2	63
	222	Craik	8	67
	251	Big Arm	1	43
	252	Arm River	TR	47
	279 A	Mount Hope	3	44
	280	Wreford	15	57
	282	Mccraney	6	27
	309	Prairie Rose	26	89
	312	Morris	12	44
	313	Lost River	13	35
	339 A	Leroy	38	45
	339 B	Leroy	52	99
	340 A	Wolverine	34	81
	340 B	Wolverine	38	84
	341	Viscount	32	52
	343	Blucher	36	83
6B	254	Loreburn	24	42
	283	Rosedale	17	31
	284	Rudy	24	54
	285	Fertile Valley	28	61
	286	Milden	24	39
	344	Corman Park	4	29
	345	Vanscoy	4	31
	346	Perdue	10	65
	376 B	Eagle Creek	5	39
7A	259	Snipe Lake	14	42
	287	St. Andrews	9	31
	288	Pleasant Valley	3	43
	292	Milton	3	59
	317 B	Marriott	17	58
	317 C	Marriott	6	42
	318 A	Mountain View	10	58
	318 B	Mountain View	11	61
	320	Oakdale	11	61
	321	Prairiedale	6	65
7B	347 A	Biggar	5	36
	347 B	Biggar	2	36
	350 A	Mariposa	0	40
	350 B	Mariposa	10	57
	351	Progress	4	44
	377	Glenside	10	43
	378 A	Rosemount	3	40
	378 B	Rosemount	1	25
	379	Reford	4	37
	382	Eye Hill	12	47
8A	395	Porcupine	2	49
	397	Barrier Valley	26	70
	398	Pleasantdale	22	57
	428	Star City	7	38
	456	Arborfield	5	38
	457 A	Connaught	2	37
	457 B	Connaught	1	23
	458	Willow Creek	4	31
	486	Moose Range	1	27
	487	Nipawin	1	26
8B	369	St. Peter	24	83
	370	Humboldt	30	67
	371	Bayne	30	52
	372	Grant	32	45
	373	Aberdeen	36	57
	399	Lake Lenore	12	50
	401	Hoodoo	12	28
	402	Fish Creek	36	62
	429 B	Flett's Springs	5	35
	430	Invergordon	8	32
	431	St. Louis	15	32
9AE	461	Prince Albert	17	38
	488	Torch River	2	26
9AW	405	Great Bend	11	32
	406	Mayfield	8	39
	435	Redberry	13	59
	436	Douglas	10	47
	463	Duck Lake	30	48
	464	Leask	25	54
	466	Meeting Lake	18	51
	467	Round Hill	2	32
	467 B	Round Hill	5	20
	493	Shellbrook	15	34
	494	Canwood	9	40
	496	Spiritwood	18	43
	555	Big River	8	25
9B	438 A	Battle River	2	23
	438 B	Battle River	11	31
	468	Meota	TR	30
	470	Paynton	NIL	16
	472	Wilton	14	40
	498 A	Parkdale	2	14
	498 B	Parkdale	NIL	15
	499	Mervin	TR	16
	501 A	Frenchman Butte	4	29
	501 B	Frenchman Butte	NIL	21
	501 C	Frenchman Butte	3	43
	502	Britannia	8	46
	561	Loon Lake	4	36
	588 A	Meadow Lake	14	28
	588 B	Meadow Lake	3	37
	588 C	Meadow Lake	4	36
	588 D	Meadow Lake	0	25

These precipitation amounts represent point locations within each municipality and do not necessarily reflect the whole R.M.

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Municipality No: A, B, C, and D - more than one reporter

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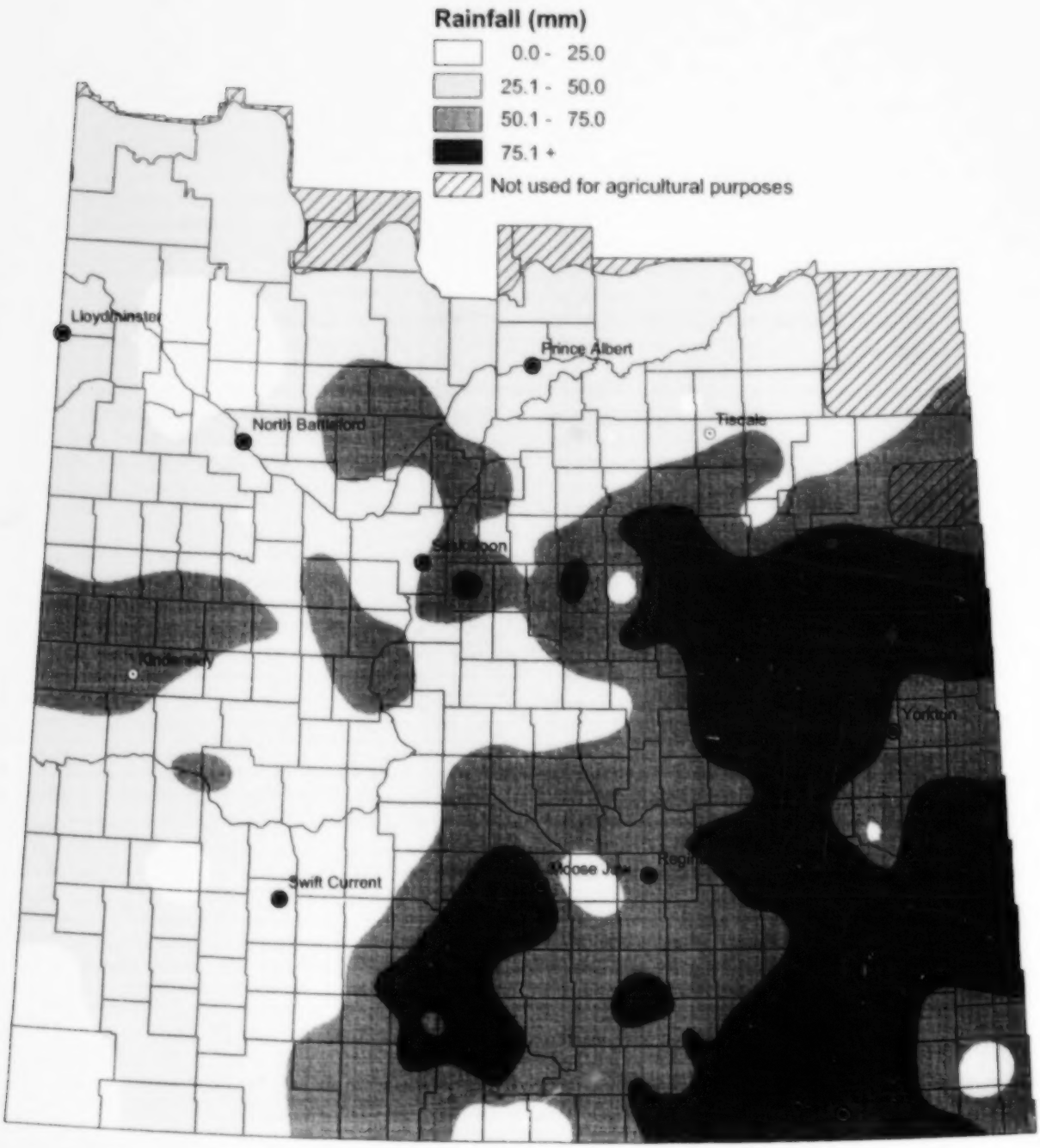
To: May 13, 2006



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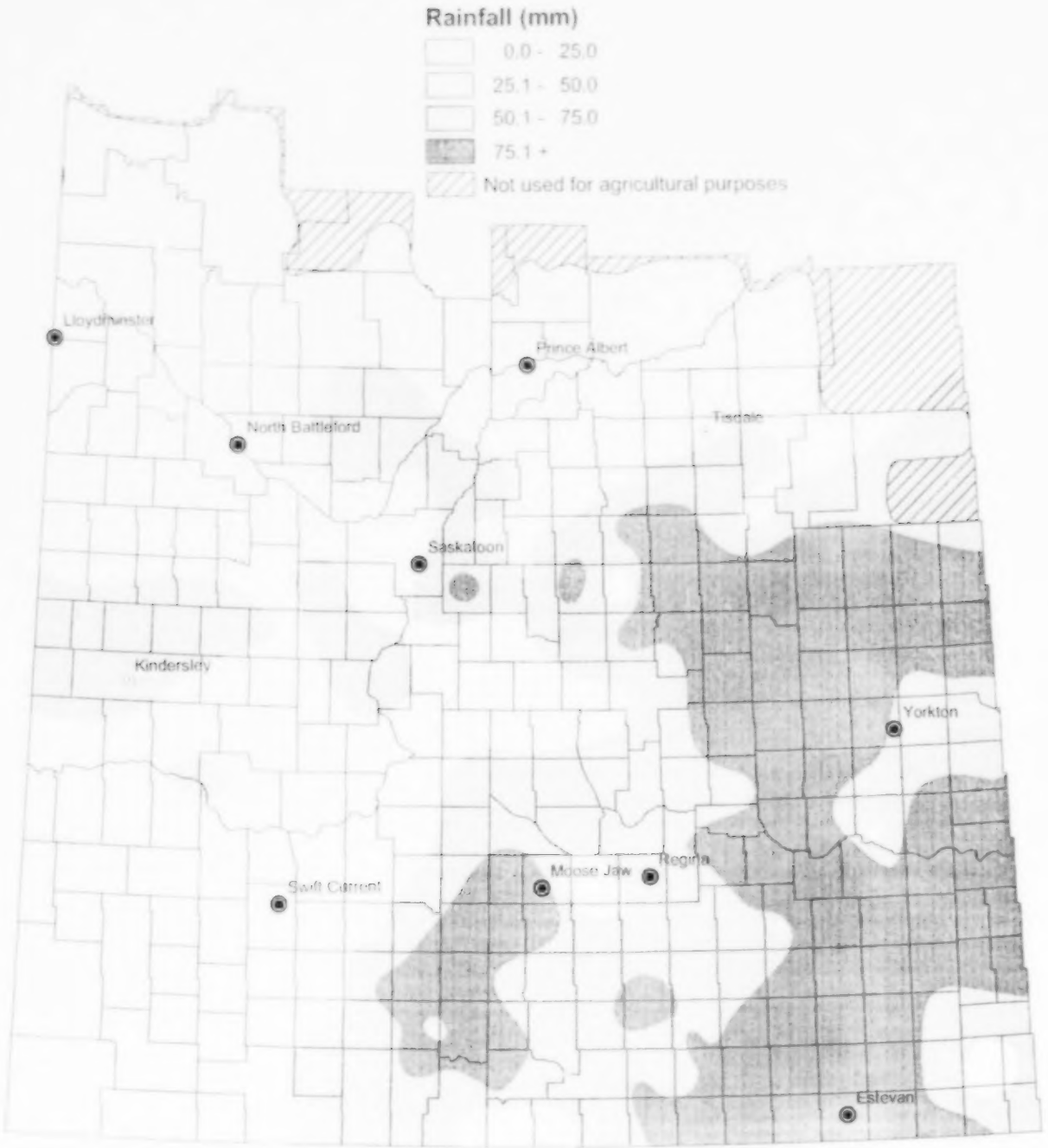

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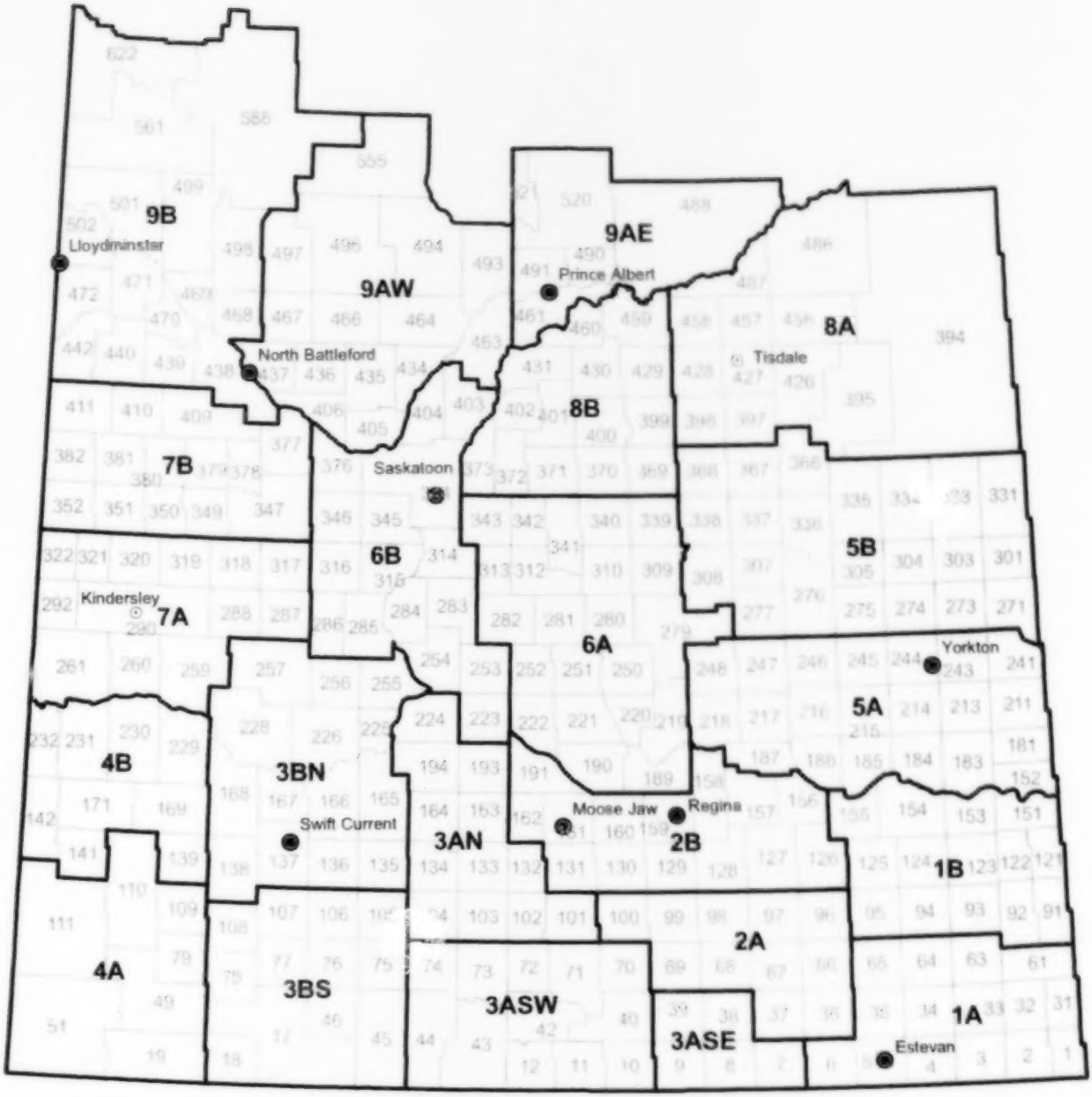

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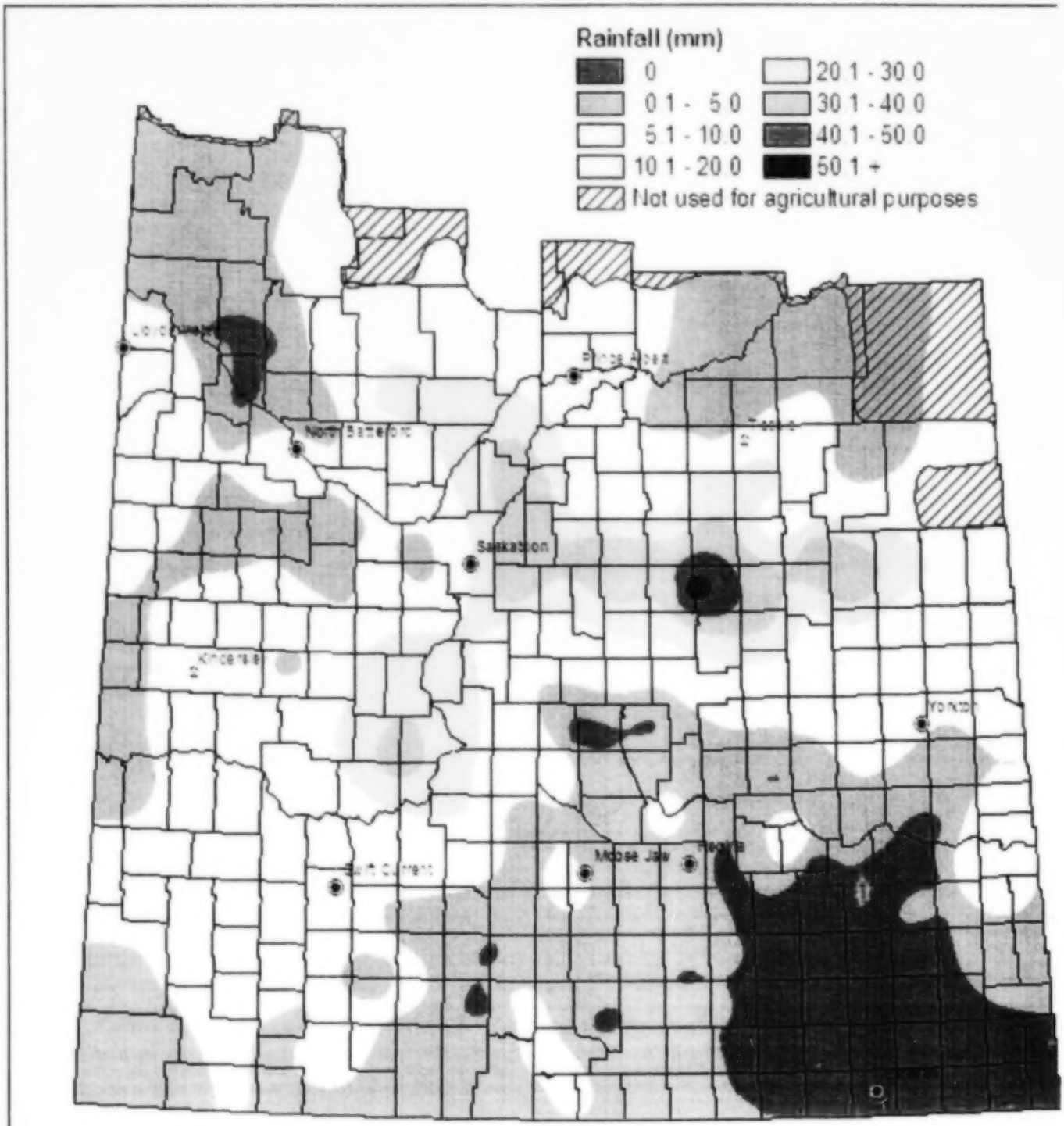

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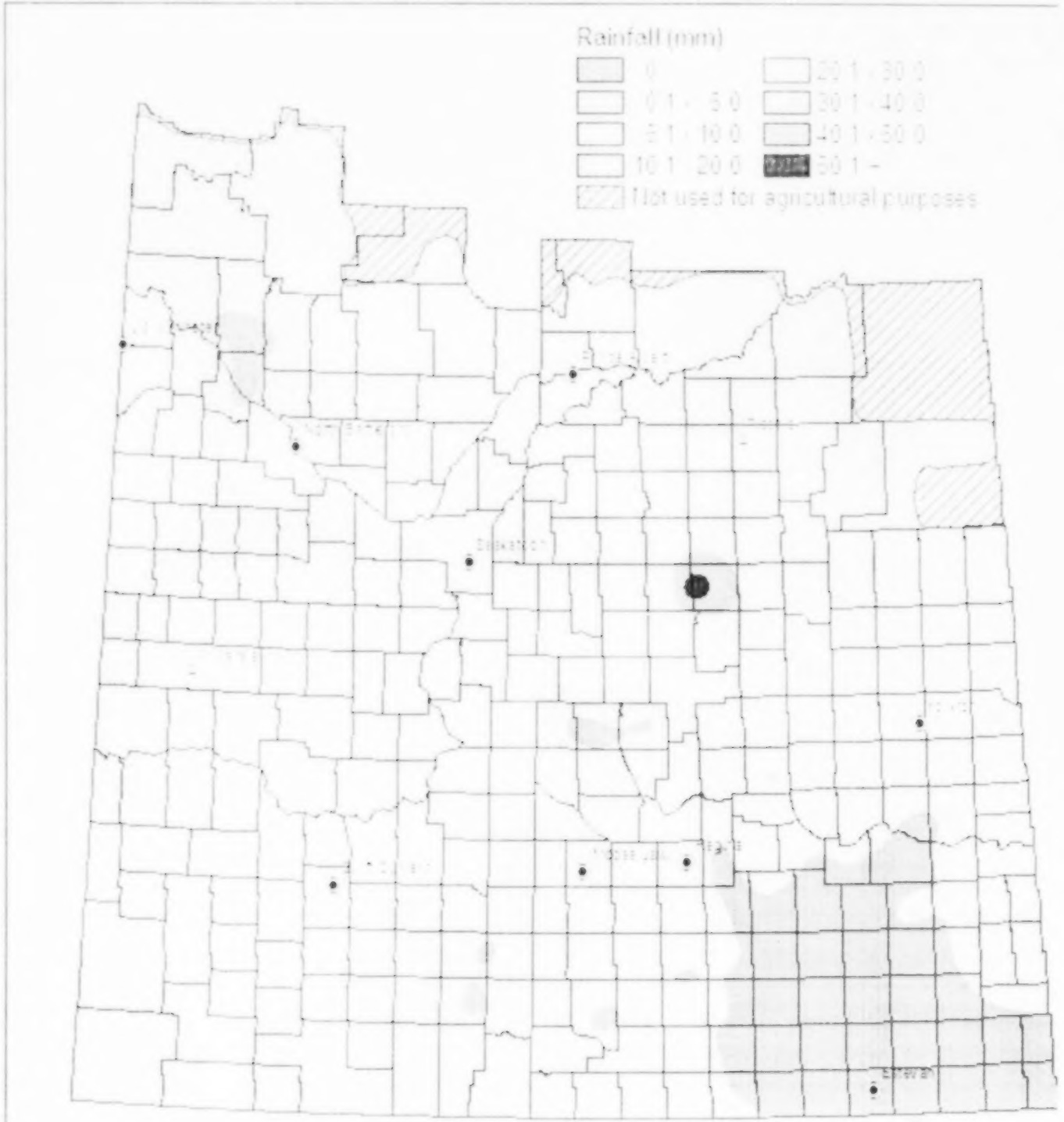

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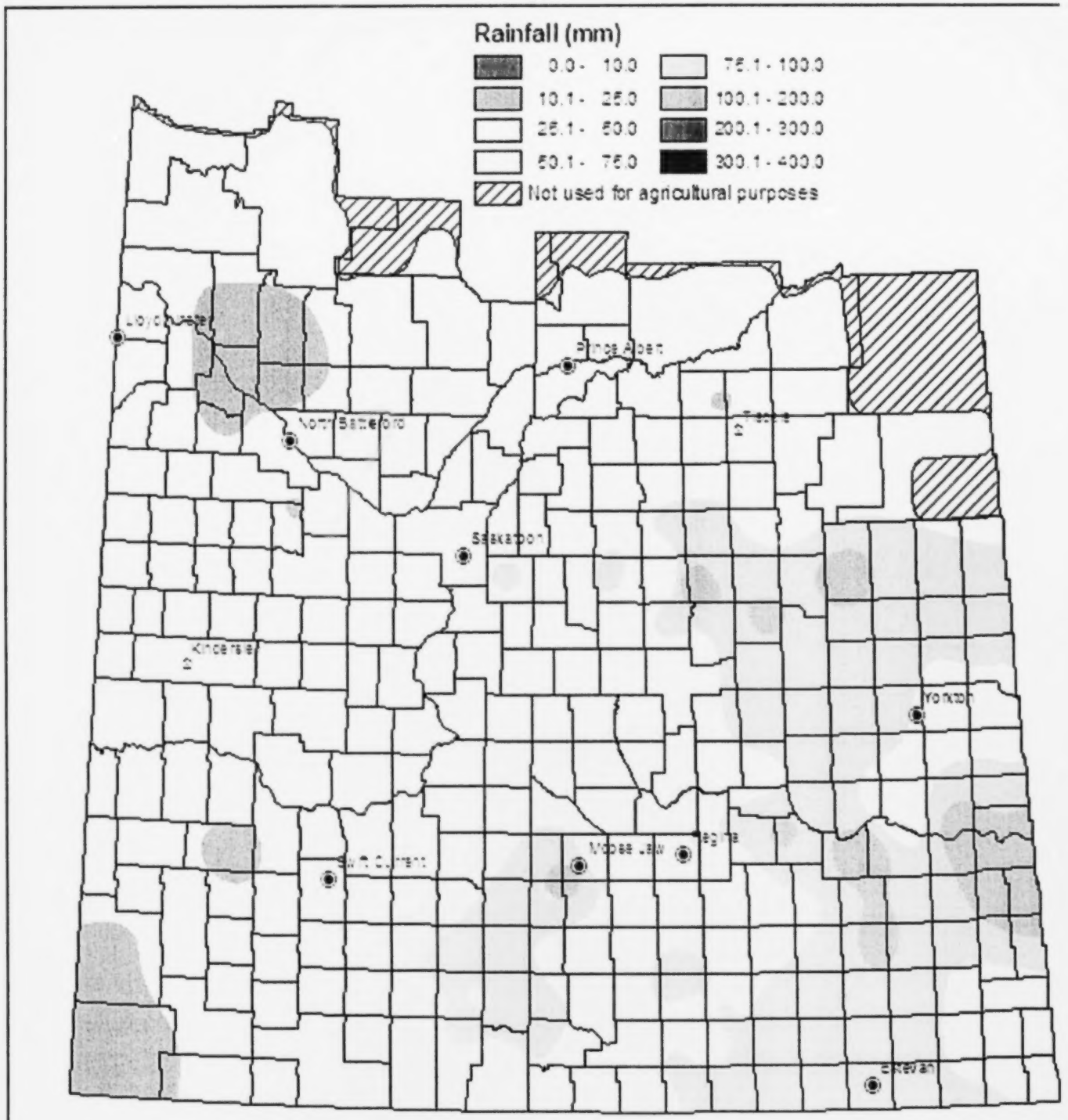

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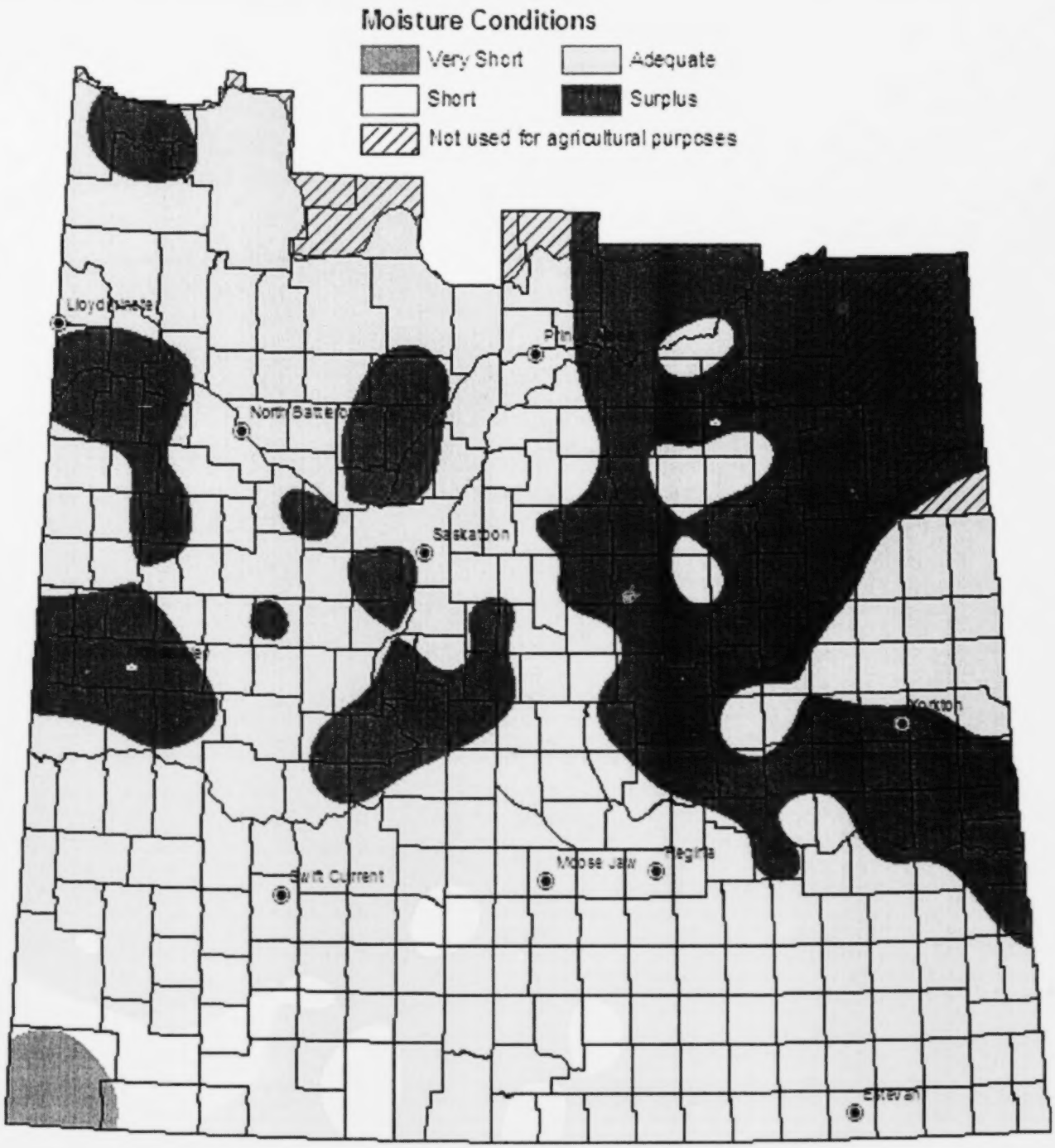

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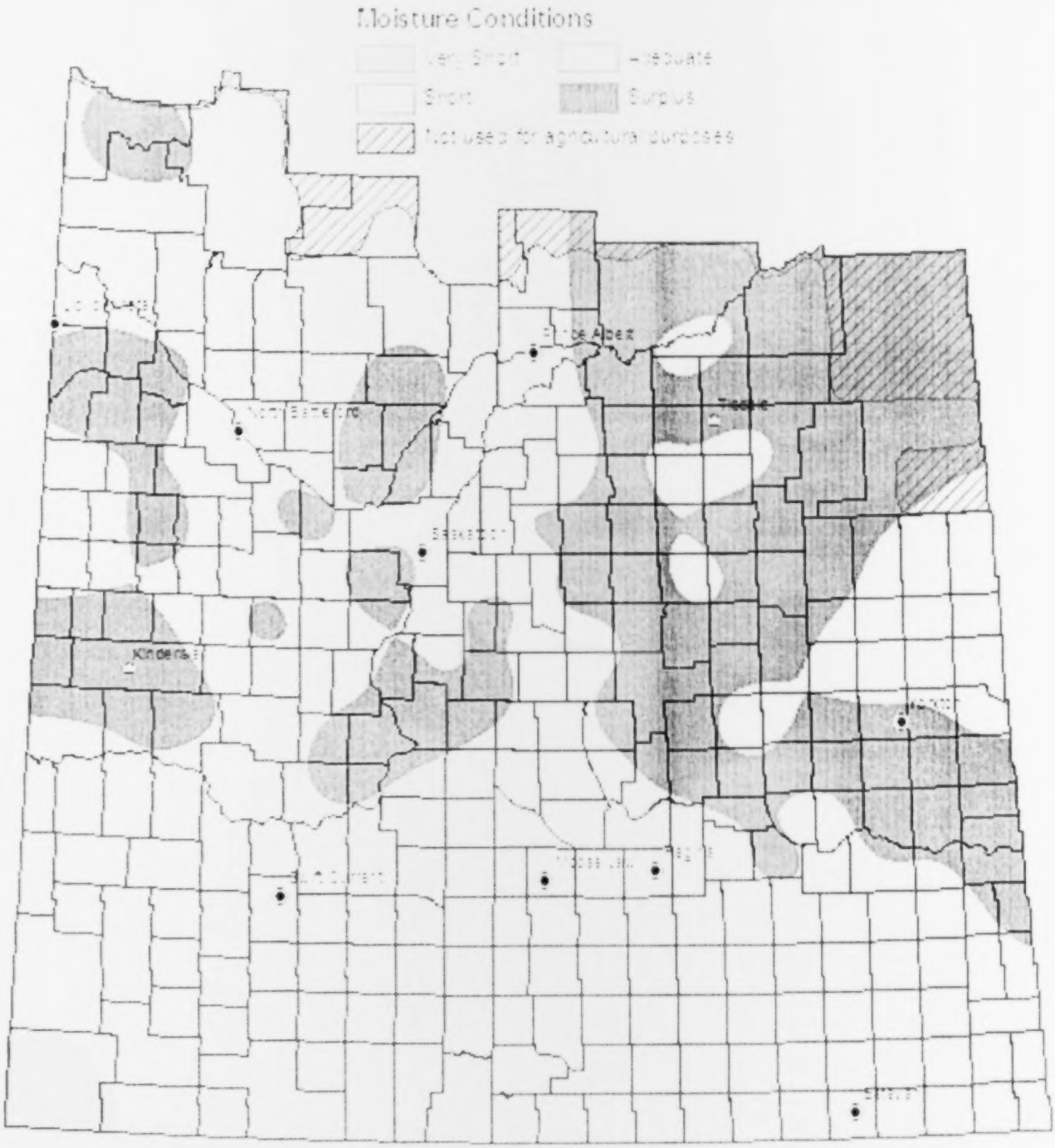

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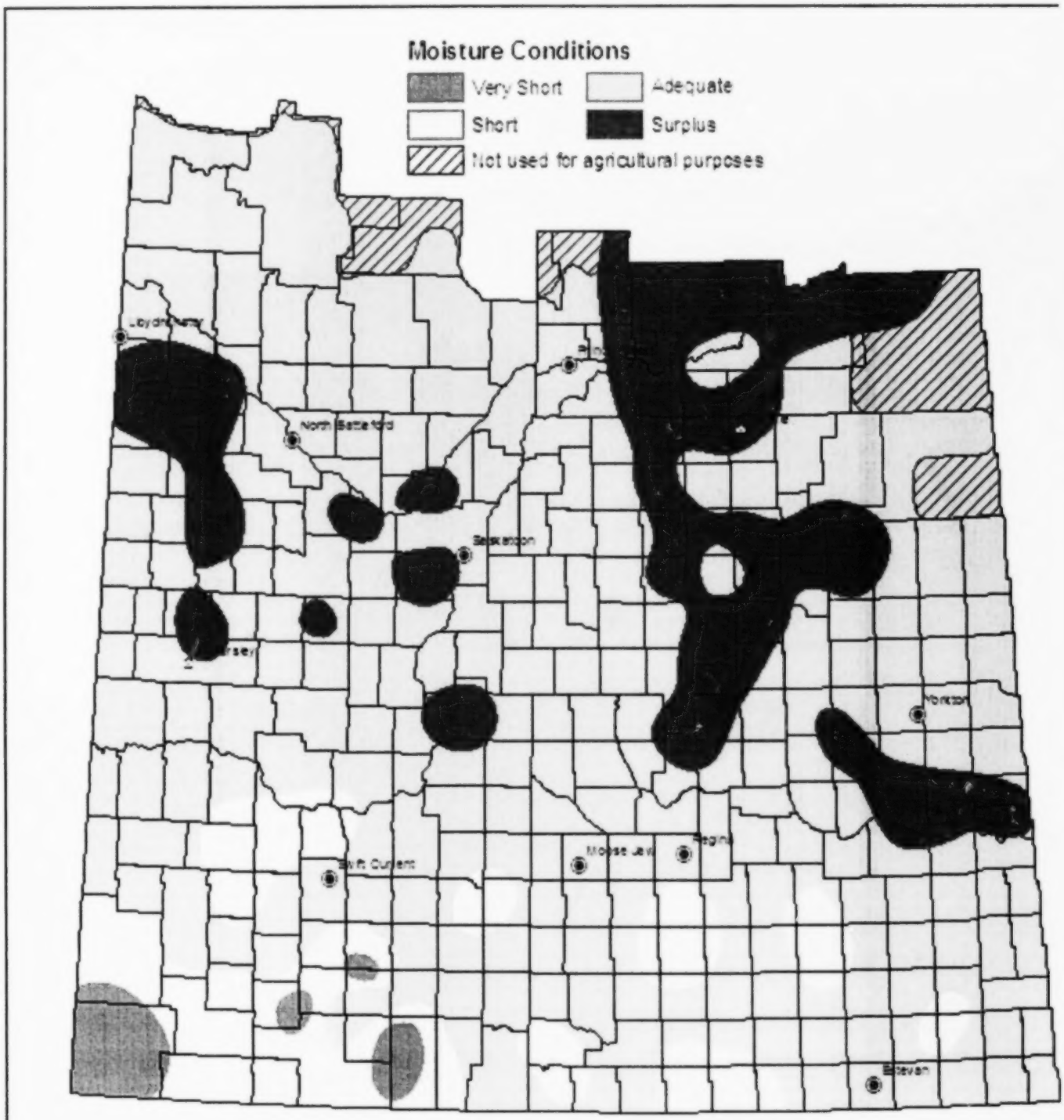

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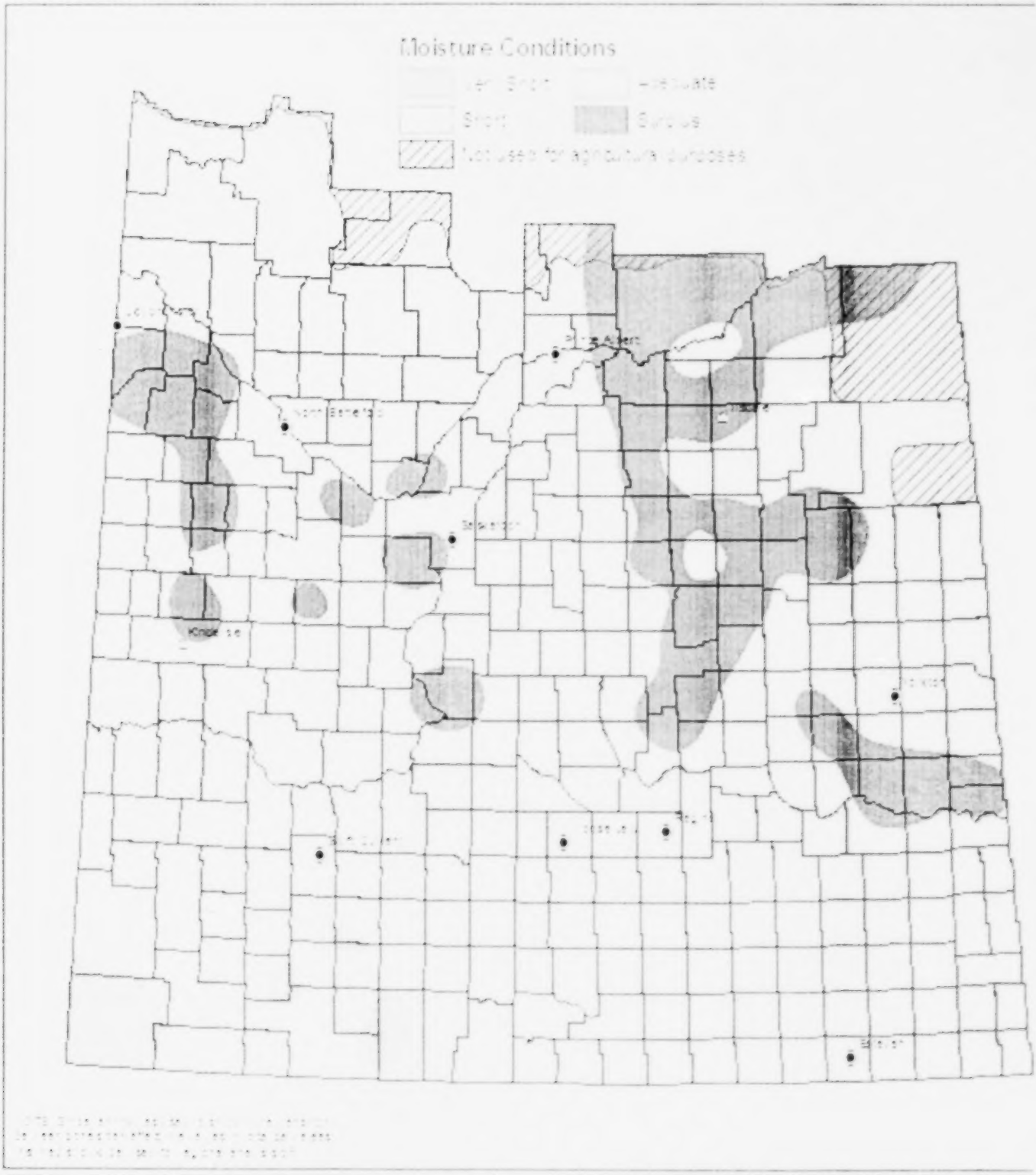

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